

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:
 - a handle;
 - a head including ~~a shaft, and an arm~~ coupled to the handle;
 - ~~a spindle carried on the arm~~ a spindle carried by the head;
 - at least one cleaning element carried on the spindle; and
 - a flexible connector between the handle and the head permitting more movement of the handle relative to the head in a first direction than in a substantially perpendicular second direction.
2. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - the flexible connector is coupled to the a shaft that connects the head to the handle.
3. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - the flexible portion is carried in the arm.
4. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
 - the handle and the ~~body~~ head ~~including the arm~~ define a first plane, the flexible portion permitting more movement of the handle relative to the head in the first plane than in a second mutually exclusive, angularly disposed plane.
5. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 4, wherein
 - the flexible connector comprises:

a plurality of ~~alternatingly inverted folds~~ integrally spaced apart segments
extending between the arm and the shaft.

6-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 11, wherein:
the spindle has a circular cross-section.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
the handle is releasably connected to the shaft.

15. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 14, further
comprising:

mating threads formed in the handle and the shaft.

16. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1, further
comprising:

resilient material carried on the handle.

17. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1, further
comprising:

resilient material ~~fixed~~ carried on the head.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The cleaning apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:

a mass of resilient material disposed about the folds.

20-21 (Canceled)

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the head includes an upper arm and a side arm.
23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein at least one resilient insert is mounted on both the upper and side arms of the head.
24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, further including a reinforcing member having one end fixed in the upper arm and the other end projecting laterally inwardly from said side arm and received in said spindle.
25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said other end of said reinforcing member projects laterally inwardly from the side arm in a direction that is parallel to the upper arm.
26. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, further including a shaft coupled to the upper arm for releasably connecting the handle to the head.
27. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spindle includes a cartridge having first and second ends joined by a plurality of longitudinally extending strips.
28. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the spindle has first and second end caps with one of said end caps having an opening through which said other end of said reinforcing member extends.
29. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the spindle has an interior bearing member for rotatably receiving said second end of said reinforcing member.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spindle is capable of bi-directional rotation.
31. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said cleaning element is mounted on the cartridge.